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Gina Kirkland
Water Quality Standards Coordinator, Bureau of Water
Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Reclassification of Reedy Cove Creek

Dear Ms. Kirkland:

American Rivers strongly supports the reclassification of Reedy Cove Creek, Pickens County to ORW. Reedy Cove is a sensitive and rare mountain cove stream of the Blue Ridge region. It is tributary to Eastatoe Creek which has already been classified as ORW. The lone discharge on the creek, Camp McCall, has now been removed. I understand it was that discharge which prevented Reedy Cove from being classified ORW when the Eastatoe was so designated. Having pristine quality, connection to another ORW and no discharges makes Reedy Cove Creek an example of exactly the type stream that ORW classification was created for. Reedy Cove Creek, its wildlife and the citizens who enjoy it are fully deserving of all protections that the ORW classification provides.

Sincerely,

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